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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re:

Docket to Establish Generic Performance Measures, Benchmarks and Enforcement Mechanisms for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Docket No. 01-00193

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Please find enclosed the original and thirteen copies of NewSouth Communications' Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Very truly yours,

FARRIS, MATHEWS, BRANAN, **BOBANGO & HELLEN, P.L.C.**

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
DOCKET TO ESTABLISH GENERIC PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS, BENCHMARKS AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.) Docket No. 01-00193))))

PETITION OF NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW NewSouth Communications ("NewSouth") pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310, and petitions the Authority to intervene and participate in this proceeding as a matter of right.

The above-captioned docket concerns the development of a common set of performance measurements, benchmarks and enforcement mechanisms to ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") provides non-discriminatory access to its network elements as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Time Warner purchases network elements from BellSouth and therefore has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Allowing NewSouth to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, NewSouth respectfully requests that the TRA grant its Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

FARRIS, MATHEWS, BRANAN, **BOBANGO & HELLEN, P.L.C.**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by placing same in U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this the 125 day of April, 2001, upon the following:

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